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### New Agricultural Census

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**Report Highlights:**

After 18 years, Peru began unrolling the new Agricultural Census. The Census, which will be done by November 15, 2012, will provide long needed updated information on Peru's agricultural sector that will allow establishing public policies to develop Peru's agriculture.

**General Information:**

From October 15 to November 15, the Peruvian Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) and the National Statistical Institute (INEI) will be carrying out the IV National Agricultural Census. USDA through the Foreign Agricultural Service and the National Statistical Service have provided since 2008 technical assistance to design and develop this census. Our assistance included a full week visit of MOA and INEI officers to the United States and visits from USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) experts to Peru.

The Census will provide accurate and updated information, at a district level, that will allow the GOP developing policies to improve Peruvian agricultural sector. The Census will also become a baseline to monitor and evaluate future policies. Finally the survey will provide an area and population framework for future census and sample framework for periodic surveys.

The IV Agricultural Census will target 1,800 districts which will be divided in sectors of one hundred agricultural units each. The government has hired 37,500 professionals to deliver and fill the questionnaires to approximately 2.5 million agricultural units.

Previous agricultural censuses were taken in 1961, 1970, and 1994. The 2012 census will cost the Peruvian government \$47 million (120 million soles).